MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Absorption of Employees of Abolished Departments

5703. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Department in which the employees of those Departments which have been abolished as a result of economic policies of the Government have been absorbed so far;

(b) the total number of employees yet to be absorbed; and

(c). the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). So far only employees of the office of the Development Commissioner for Cement Industries have been surrendered, consequent on abolition of that office, for redeployment by the Surplus Cell. A majority of the employees thus surrenderee have already been nominated for absorption in suitable vacancies in various ofices such as the India Meteorological Department, Department of Electronics, Office of Central Excise, CGHS, Income tax Offices etc. The absorption of the employees thus nominated and the nomination/ absorption of remaining employees are being processed under the Scheme for Redeployment of Surplus Staff. The surplus employees will continue to draw their salaries, and allowances till such time as they are absorbed in the new offices.

[*Translation*]

Loans to State Government

5704. DR. LAL BAHARDUR RAWA:Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have submitted proposals for the decentiratlization of financial resources and granting of loans to the State Governments on the basis of their population and backwardness;

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also proposed to raise loan from the market; and

(c) if so, the their reaction of the Union Government to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIONS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. Several State Government have brought up proposal for the decentrailization of financial resources and granting of loans to States, on the basis of certain weights to their population and backwardness, in their presentations made in the meeting of National Development Council in December, 1991.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. All State Governments including the State of U. P. raise loans from the market to fund their plans. Planning Commission makes the State-wise allocation on the basis of certain growth of past borrowings, on a uniform basis and part on

the basis of backwardness, which helps the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Antyodaya Programme

5705. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the State where Antyodaya Programme is being implemented;

(b) whether the Union Government have been providing financial assistance for this programme; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated to each State during each of the last three years under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIONS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) At present Antyodaya Programme is being implemented only in Himachal Pradesh where it was launched during 1990-91. Under guidelines covering Integrated Rural Development Programme also Antyodaya Approach i. e. assisting the poorest of the poor on priority basis is prescribed in respect of all the State/UTs.

(b) and (c). No Central assistance is being provided to Himachal Pradesh for Antyodaya Programme because if falls within the State Sector.

[*English*]

Loans/Grants to Rajasthan

5706. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by the Union Government of giving loans/grants to States;

(b) whether loan/grant pattern of Central assistance to non-special category States is unfacvourable to Rajasthan;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to include Rajasthan in special category States for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIONS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The loan-grant ratio of formula-based Central assistance for Special Category States is 10.90 and for Non-Special Category States it is 70.30.

(b) to (d). No, Sir. The grant ratio of 30 percent in case of Non-Special Category States, including Rajasthan, was approved to provide for estimated revenue part of the Plan expenditure while the grant ratio of 90% in case of Special Category States was approved in view of their weak resource base. Since the State of Rajasthan does not have handicaps faced by the Special Category States, there is no proposal to include Rajasthan in the Special Category States.

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